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1. Mrs. Tikhomirova, wife of the director of the Shanghai branch of the Moscow Narodny Bank, is in charge of Taturist. During the first two weeks of May 1948, she conferred with Dimitri Ya. Shcherbina, director of Torgpredstvo, China, regarding new prices for sending parcels from Shanghai to the USSR.

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25X1 Letters from repatriated Soviet citizens to friends in Shanghai have stated that persons receiving parcels in the USSR have to pay heavy duty on them, regardless of announcements to the contrary.)

3. On 21 May, Dimitri Bykov went to the CMAC Shanghai office and told Colonel LIU that he would need two planes for sending seven tons of foodstuffs to Mukden. Colonel LIU promised the transportation if the Torgpredstvo offices obtained permission from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

4. The following items were received by Soviet officials in Shanghai from the SMOLNY when it arrived on 20 May:

A new car manufactured in the USSR for Ambassador Roshchin.

Seven cases of linotype machinery for V. Rogov, director of the Far Eastern Department of TASS, Shanghai.

One large radio set for Ivan Petrovich Romanov, Shanghai Torgpredstvo official.

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Thirteen cases of cinema machinery parts for N. A. Lytkin, director of Soviet Export Films, (Sovexportfilm), Shanghai.

5. The following letters were sent by Torgpredstvo officials in Shanghai on the dates stated:

TRADE REPRESENTATION OF THE USSR IN CHINA  
Shanghai, Branch

Docu-  
mentary

Cables  
VNESHTORG SHANGHAI  
1288 Nanking (Western) Road  
Tel. 30034-5-6

5 May 1948

Ref. No. 219

Hongkong Office of "Eksportkileb"

Comrade Ivanchengko

Canton Branch of Torgpredstvo of USSR in China

(in ink) Comrade Dneprovsky

Upon receipt of this letter please start to investigate the demand and the market for the following furs:

Squirrel, dark tailed (Yakutsk)	A-1 quality.....	12,000 pieces	(pelts)
	A-1 "minus		
	10%.....	6,000 pieces	
	25%.....	6,000 pieces	

Total: 24,000 pieces

Squirrel, grey (Yakutsk),  
early spring

A-1 quality.....	3,000 pieces
A-1 "minus	
10%.....	3,000 pieces

Total: 6,000 pieces

Total Squirrel (Yakutsk).....30,000 pelts.

Squirrel, grey, (Amur River), dark tailed:

A-1 quality	5,750 pelts
A-1 "minus	
10%	7,000 "
25%	5,050 "
50%	950 "

Second quality	1,900
minus 10%	1,400 "
25%	900 "

Squirrel, grey (Yakutsk) light tailed: A-1 quality 50 "

Total: 23,000 "

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Beaver, grey, heavy skin	425 pelts
minus 10%	75 "
" 25%	40 "
medium skin	200 "
minus 10%	35 "
" 25%	20 "
Beaver, grey, soft skin A-1 quality	75 "
minus 10%	20 "
" 25%	10 "
Beaver, grey, soft skin Second quality with defects up to 10%	100 "
Total:	1,000 pelts, which
include 700 pelts with heads/425 + 200 + 75 = 700/.	

Price: For squirrel (Yakutsk), medium price for the whole lot US\$ 1.40/pelt;  
For squirrel (Amur), medium price for the whole lot US\$1.20/pelt;  
For beaver, medium price for the whole lot US\$26/pelt f.o.b. Hongkong.

Delivery: June-July-August 1948.

Payment conditions: 30 per cent down payment at the time of signing the contract, the balance after the receipt of a telegram notifying the departure of the steamship for the port of destination.

Inform us about the progress of business talks and subsequent sales.

Deputy Torgpred of USSR in China

/s/N. Obratsov

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ALL UNION ASSOCIATION

Cables  
EXPORTKHLB SHANGHAI

"EXPORTKHLB"

HEAD OFFICE  
Moscow

Main Office for China  
Export Import  
Shanghai

6 May 1948

No. 213

Canton Branch of Torgpredstvo of USSR in China

Comrade Dneprovsky

Copy to: Hongkong Office of "Eksportkhlb" Comrade Ivanchenko

Upon receipt of this letter you may start with the sale of the following items:

1. Caviar, salmon ("humpback salmon" - "Gorbusha") A-1 quality, 50 metric tons, price: US\$2,800/one metric ton, free on board of ship Hongkong. Packing: wooden barrels weighing between 30-50 kilograms each. The inside of the barrel is lined with waxed cotton paper and parchment.

Delivery: May-June 1948

2. Thread, on spools. 3,472 gross (note: 12 doz. spools/gross). Price US\$8-8.25/gross, f.o.b. ship Hongkong. The assortment consists of 60% white thread, and 40% black; thread numbers 10, 20, 30, 40, 50. Packing: veneer boxes containing 20 gross each.

Delivery: May-June 1948.

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3. Sea Products: trepang (sea cucumbers) 6,900 kilograms. Price US\$4.25/kg.

Scallops (muskul grebesika) 1,000 kg. US\$3.75/kg.

Seaweed (midia sushennaya), dried: 30 kg.; US\$3.20/kg.

Scallops in shells; 300 kg.; US\$3.20/kg.

Crabmeat, dried, shredded; up to 2,000 kg.; US\$2.50/kg.

Packing: wooden boxes or cartons.

Delivery: May-June 1948

All above-mentioned goods are f.o.b. ship Hongkong.

Payment conditions: - 100 per cent certified, unrecallable draft, via New York

to the disposal of the "GOBANK USSR" in the name of "Dalintorg". \*\*

Inform us on the progress of sale.

SOVIET ALL UNION ASSOCIATION - EXPORTERS

/s/ A. Kochin

\* Gosbank - Government Bank of USSR

\*\* Dalintorg - Far Eastern Internal Trade Administration

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USSR ALL UNION ASSOCIATION  
"EXPORTERS"

Main Office For China

Export-Import

9 Chung Cheng (East) Ln  
Shanghai

Air Mail

Mr. Ivanchenko  
USSR All Union Association  
"Exporters", 3 Humphrey's Avenue  
Kowloon, Hongkong

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(same address)

Air Mail

Mr. Dneprovsky  
Trade Representation of USSR in China  
Canton Branch  
64 Foo Sin Road, Shamson, Canton

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